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The Lord's Church

E. B. Culpepper

"Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," Matt. 16: 18. Some people will say, "If we have the holiness or Church of God preachers come into our community, they will tear up our churches." Now if I or any other preacher can tear up your church, it is not what it should be. I readily admit that false teachers cause a great deal of confusion in local churches, even in the Church of God, but yet I have not the least fear that the Church of God as a whole will ever be overthrown as she was planted or builded or organized by Jesus Himself and He says she shall not be overcome.

Let us see if we can find the Rock in the Bible that Jesus was referring to for we are sure He had no reference to Peter's earthly body when He said,"Upon this rock I will build my church." We find in 1 Samuel 2:2, "Neither is there any rock like our God." Also in 2 Sam. 22:2, "And he said, The Lord is my rock, and my fortress and my deliverer." So we assume that it undoubtedly was the Word of God that Jesus was going to build His church upon. We find in St. John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." V. 14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Next we want to see something about the name of this church that Jesus was going to build. Isa. 62:2, "And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name." In verse one of this chapter you will notice that His people were called Zion, as well as at many other places in the Old Testament; also they were called Israel, and Stephen, in Acts 7:38, called it the church in the wilderness. But thanks be to the great God of the skies, she is no longer in the wilderness but is shining just like Isaiah said she would in Isa. 2:2. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it." Beloved, we who attended the 29th Annual Assembly could see very readily that this is being done, as we beheld the missionaries coming into the Church of God from Mexico, Central America, and other foreign countries.

What was the new name God's house or church was called in St. John 17:11? Jesus praying to the Father says, "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me." V. 12, talking direct to His Father in this wonderful prayer, "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name." This then, "The Father," undoubtedly was the new name the Prophet Isaiah tells us of. Please notice also Paul's prayer in Eph. 3:14, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Here we can see the Church of God on earth, and the family of God in heaven plainly.

What was the price Christ paid for His Church? In Acts 20:28 we read, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he has purchased with his own blood." Here is the name again, the Church of God; also the great price paid by Jesus for His Church. No surprise that we as members magnify and praise His Church, considering the price He paid for it, also to know His Church is named after God Himself.

Eph. 4:11-13 tells us the kind of ministers God gave to His Church. "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a

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Notices

I would like to pastor a small church where there are missionary privileges in surrounding neighborhood, or will pastor two small churches somewhere close together. I have evangelist license with the Church of God.—C. R. Smith, 581 Parker St., Conneaut, Ohio.

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To my friends: My address is Dixon, Miss., Rt. 2. My appointments are as follows: Rocky Hill, first and third; Pleasant Hill, second; Oakridge, fourth; Union, fifth, and third Sunday night. Please pray for me to hold up under this load and do my best for God.—Yours in Jesus, J. H. Brooks.

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To those interested: My address is Rt. 4, Washington, N. C. Pray for us in our work here. This is a needy field. I hope to hear from some of my friends.—B. G. Pomroy.

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If any one knows the whereabouts of my son, Robert Cleo Armstrong, who left Feb. 14, 1934, please notify me. He is fifteen years of age, five feet four inches tall, weighs one hundred fourteen pounds, has black wavy hair, large gray eyes, and a freckled complexion.—His father, J. L. Armstrong, Warrior, Ala.

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I take this means of notifying you again that the address of our state mission treasurer is C. R. Benson, 1221 5th Ave., N. W., Minot, N. Dak., Rt. 1. Please send all mission funds due the state to him. Do not neglect this in your churches as it is very important that we keep our mission work going. — Paul H. Walker, state overseer.

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We are very much in need of a revival at this place. Any good Church of God preacher who feels led this way, get in touch with us soon.—Edith Graves, in charge of work, Rt. 1, Ray, Ohio.

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Ray Collins and L. J. Hare are open for revival work this year. We are not afraid of hard places. Let us hear from you.—Ray Collins, 218 Gray St., Thomasville, N. C.

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The California state convention convenes at Baldwin Park, Calif., March 1, 2, 3. Ministers, have your reports ready and come to the feast of good things from the Lord. Our General Overseer will be here, and let us show him we love him by attending this convention. Those coming from long distance, we are going to do our best to take care of your entertainment. —Yours in Christ, W. G. Webb, overseer, Church of God in California.

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To whom it may concern: The address of William R. Franks, overseer of Bahamas, is P. O. Box 211, Nassau, N. P., Bahamas.

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If any one knows the whereabouts of C. L. Harris, last heard of at Lindale, Ga., please notify his father, C. H. Harris, Box 50, Gulf Hammock, Fla.

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To whom it may concern: I am no longer pastor of the Church of God at Ft. Green Springs, Fla. — Carl M. Padgett.

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Having been appointed state superintendent of the Y. P. E. work in South Carolina by our state overseer, Brother Paulk, I take this means of letting you know I am deeply interested in the work. I would like for every president to get in touch with me at once so we might be able to plan definite work for the year. Also, that we may better plan our district conventions. I ask that every local pastor that does not have a Y. P. E. to please see that one is organized right away, and if I can be of any help to you in getting organized, let me know. I'll be glad to help you in any way I can. Come on, Y. P. E. members, the state of South Carolina does not intend to fall down on anything approved of by the Assembly. Let's work as if we were looking for Jesus to come this year. I believe we can go over the top by putting forth a little effort. —Humbly, C. F. Grant, 8 Front at Saxon, Spartanburg, S. C.

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Rev. E. M. Bryant, 701 Smith St., High Point, N. C., is on the evangelistic field in our state besides a number of other worthy evangelists. Any one wishing revivals notify us and we will be glad to assist. — John L. Stephens, overseer of North Carolina, Box 528, Wilmington, N. C.

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The Church of God at Barnardsville, N. C. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister Catherine Ray Ollis. If not heard from by next quarterly conference, your name will be dropped from the church books.—Pearl Rogers, clerk.

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We have just had a few days' meeting at Ida Mill, about one mile from Laurel Hill, N. C. Five were saved, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost. If the pastor of Hope Mill church sees this I would like to get in touch with him.—Your brother, Sherwood Owens, Rt. 2, Dillon, S. C.

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The Church of God at Lacoochee, Fla. wants to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Brother R. J. Spivey. If not heard from by next quarterly conference, he will be disfellowshiped from the Church of God.—Vasco Lee, clerk, Lacoochee, Fla.

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I have been real busy since the preachers' meeting at Clarksburg, W. Va. when Brother Scoggins asked me to do some mission work this year. The Lord helped us get a good building in a new field, which we have converted into a church. We began a revival there Dec. 30. We have been here one week and the crowds have increased till we wonder what we will do with them if they keep coming. This is in the country but a splendid location. I have with me some good workers, Brother O. S. Shreve and Sister Carmenitta Best who has charge of the music. Please pray that we will be as clay in the potter's hands and that God will give us many precious souls.—J. M. Kile.

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL Y.P.E's

The Lighted Pathway office has been moved from Jonesboro, Tenn. to Cleveland, Tenn. Bear this in mind and make all money orders out to "The Lighted Pathway," Cleveland, Tenn.

Address all mail concerning The Lighted Pathway to the address below: "The Lighted Pathway, Cleveland, Tenn., General Delivery."—Alda B. Harrison, Editor.

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To whom it may concern: My address has been changed from 100 Washington St., Roanoke Rapids, N. C. to 701 Smith St., High Point, N. C.—Eugene M. Bryant.

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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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EVANGEL DRIVE

The subscription list still continues to increase, however, the need of the people on the field who are not now readers of the Evangel and our need from a financial standpoint leaves room that we may insist upon a greater effort to enlarge its circulation. Please make a canvass of your congregation, find out how many are subscribers to the Evangel, stand by us in your effort and prayer to make the Evangel a great success in its ministerial purpose as well as official. Price, $1.25 per single yearly subscription; club of three yearly subscriptions, $1.00 each.

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MINUTES

There have been a few Minutes of the 29th Annual Assembly returned from the field, therefore we can fill orders as long as they last. We will reprint the Minutes if you will send in your orders in such quantities as will demand it.

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PRAYER HOUR

From the British West Indies, from the Bahama Islands, and various sections of the United States comes a list of those who pledge to pray at least one hour per day for the success of the Church. There is no personal or individual glories to be obtained thru this prayer hour. The glory is Christ's, the benefits are general in which we may all share and all should participate in an effort to increase the benefit. Discouraged saints, struggling churches, handicapped ministers will find thru the avenue of prayer that skies will grow blue and sunny, strength will be given and additional room provided for your increase and privileges thru the Holy Spirit. Try it!

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NEW PUBLISHING PLANT

The plaster work will be finished this week, floors are being laid and installation of machinery will be begun this week. Remember us in prayer and give us your volume of business from which financial means may be provided to meet all necessary expenses.

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MUSSOLINI AND WAR

While the World Peace Conference struggles to bring about a lasting peace, Mussolini has "predicted that capitalistic countries were moving toward an imperialistic war." "War," Mussolini wrote, "alone brings up to its highest tension all human energy and puts the stamp of nobility upon the people who have the courage to meet it. All other trials are substitutes, which never really put men into the position where they have to make a great decision—the alternative of life or death." Queer that a man of his learning and ability can see in war, with all its ravages and horror, a means of glory or development of nobility. It is, however, certainly true that it places men where they must decide between life and death, for which there is much-needed preparation.

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CLARK VISUALIZES WAR

Senator Clark from Missouri pictures war as a "cataclysm of horrors" and especially the "next war." This he drew in his address before the senate in which he pled for money to continue the munitions investigation as a means of avoiding another conflict. Senator Clark said, "The world is heading for another war which might well mean the actual obliteration of civilization." His argument follows: "He visualized pilotless planes carrying bombs to cities far back of the lines; gas devastating whole areas and planes dropping 'mass cultures of plague and influenza, cholera and typhus.'

"For the statesmen of the world to permit the present insane competition in armaments to continue with the certainty that it will precipitate in this generation or the next another cataclysm of unpredictable horrors is stupendous and incredible folly," he said.

The United States thru its constitutional and well-provided form of government, and its religious and educational institutions which have heretofore endorsed religious literature and education, built up a highly and commendable society. However, at this time the entire fabric of national unity and culture is threatened by the top-heavy, worldly-wise and cheap politicians who are not content with staple government and righteousness. It will do well to take a retrospective view and think of Babylon with worldly power and wealth followed by the Persian, Grecian and Roman kingdoms. All these at their highest pitch of glory in science and wealth have toppled and became a mass of ruins, from which fragmentary and divers nations have arisen which have again

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reached some form of pinnacle or crisis that threatens not only the United States but the whole of the civilized world. The ladder of ascendency always presents the possibility of a fall unless the moral principle which contributes to the opportunity of such high scaling is continued. In the United States and Europe as well there has been a fatal decline in religious ambition and aspiration. I do not speak of a decline in number but quality of spiritual experience.

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RAVAGES OF COMMUNISM

In China communism steadily moves on, pressing down the unfortunate Chinese who struggle against the menace of communism and who really do not want it but see no way out of it as result of their economic situation Officials in China refer to the state of communism as "more rice communists than genuine converts to the Red doctrine." If the people had sufficient clothing and food they would give no thought to communism, it was said. In the last analysis Chinese communism was described as "glorified banditry." to which was added, The rank and file of Chinese communists were said to be totally ignorant of what communism actually means. It is true that while communism promises to divide the wealth of nations, it at the same time takes from its captive prey, particularly all religious and moral liberty, making them slaves of the state and vice.

In Mexico under date of Jan. 12th three hundred men, women and children, barricaded in their parish church, fought off police and firemen in an exchange of gunfire that left four persons dead and fourteen wounded. Communism respects nobody's right but the state. When individuals who compose and make up the institution of state are thus treated you may so brand and regard communism as an enemy.

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ANTI-COMMUNISTIC ORGANIZATIONS

Under date of Jan. 13th, Chicago, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks entered its 500,000 members in the 1935 crusade against communists and their ilk. Other organizations pledged who are anti-communistic are the American Legion and Junior Chamber of Commerce who have made it their principal order of business this year to undermine the groups and individuals who seek to undermine the government and the existing social order. The Elks are circulating petitions calling upon Congress to enact laws excluding radical literature from the mails, barring known agitators from the country and crimping the activities of the subversive elements. These petitions are to be gathered at the headquarters in Chicago Feb. 22nd and taken to Washington March 13th where they will be presented with due ceremony to the house of representatives and the senate.

Also from Atlanta, Ga., under date of Jan. 10th comes news of the origination of a two-bill barrage which will be fired when the Georgia lgeislature convenes there this week in which communism will be the target. The Solicitor-General, John Boykin, of Atlanta, said today legislation intended to "kill the snake of communism before it gets to be big and dangerous" is being prepared for introduction at the general assembly.

Representatives Bond Almand and William B. Hortsfield, of the Fulton county delegation, announced they would present a bill aimed primarily "to define the crime of sedition and to prescribe the punishment therefor."

Boykin said he was preparing a supplementary bill which he will give to Speaker Ed Rivers, of the house, for introduction in either that body or the state senate.

We greatly appreciate the timely action and stand taken by these organizations and officials in trying to stamp out the progress of communism. It was Christ who said a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. The principles of freedom upon which the government of the United States have existed have been so supreme and foreign to the ravages of communism that our political house cannot stand without casting out its enemy, the red terror of communism. It is, however, unfortunate that our president recognized Russia at a time when under-officials are finding it necessary to clean house and rid themselves of the principles for which Russia as a whole stands. It has been said that birds of a feather flock together. Personally, I would like to see Russia who is treated as a neighbor, but is a positive and avowed enemy of the United States, separated from our company. Such undertakings are and should be items of definite prayer. We are commanded to pray for kings, councillors and those who are in authority that we may live a peaceful and quiet life, and of that peaceful and quiet life Russia and communism know nothing.

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FREE SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

We will furnish free Adult, Junior and Beginner Quarterlies, card sets, and Teachers' Quarterlies to each new Sunday School organized for the first quarter of its existence. Can you not find an empty church or school building, or rent a hall and open a Sunday School in some neglected town or community? Reach those beautiful bright-faced boys and girls before atheism, communism, and other devilish and destructive teachings spoil the opportunity that now stands open. It is time to stir yourselves and do something for God. A new Sunday School ordinarily paves the way for a revival and a Church of God later.

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IGNORES HITLER'S SALUTE

Dr. Karl Barth was expelled from his professorship at Bonn University because he refused to open and close his lectures with a Hitler salute. To render such method of salutation to an individual prior to and after divine worship is to place such an individual in estimation of his relationship and importance ahead of Almighty God. Such practice would be worship, and is certainly prompted by the antichrist spirit which will not only sit in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God, 2 Thess. 2:4, but will demand that all inhabitants of the earth shall worship him, Rev. 13:4, 8. In this case Dr. Barth has refused to be a false prophet to stimulate beast worship.

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TITHING ENVELOPES

We received an order yesterday from one of our state overseers for 50,000 duplex tithe envelopes. These he plans to keep with him in his travels, instituting their use in his entire constituency. I personally interviewed this man, ask-

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The Ministry of The Holy Spirit

E. C. Clark

That the true intent and purpose of the ministry of the Holy Spirit may not be overlooked, we wish to call your attention to the following facts: That the Holy Spirit was given first, to provide power for witnessing concerning the truth about Jesus Christ, Acts 1:8. Second, to provide a spiritual medium and means by which regeneration or the new birth might take place. It is stated in John 3:5 that, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Jesus follows with a distinct separation or identification of the flesh and spirit, placing them on opposite sides, saying, That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. The necessity of the spiritual birth is apparent concerning which Jesus has said, Ye must be born again. The Holy Spirit alone is the source and means by which such or the new birth can take place.

The Holy Spirit has been definitely associated with all things pertaining to Jesus Christ. He Himself was born of the Holy Spirt, Luke 1:35; was baptized or anointed with it by which He entered into His own personal ministry, Matt. 3:16, 17; as a result of which He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil for God was with Him. Acts 10: 38.

The minister who endeavors to embark upon so serious an undertaking and mission as preaching the Gospel without the baptism of the Holy Spirit is making a serious blunder. His own works will mock and laugh at him in the end. As Dr. Perkins stated, years ago in the Midwest, where he was accounted a successful evangelist, though not having the baptism of the Holy Spirit, he found that his ministry was a great failure, and seeing his mistake, he sought for and obtained the baptism of the precious Holy Spirit, after which his evangelistic message became a living flame and his congregations were signally blessed as a result.

The Purpose of the Holy Spirit

Any minister, regardless of his scholastic ability or what prefixes or suffixes may be appended to his name, or to what famous or imposing church organization he may be a memebr of, or what his salary is, or what public opinion may amount to concernng his ability, must not overlook the following facts: first, that without the baptism of the Holy Spirit he has not been endued with power for service, Luke 24:49, and is therefore without power to witness concerning the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, Acts 1:8. The ministry of the Holy Spirit was given first, to reprove the world of sin; to enforce upon a gulty conscience the knowledge and guilt of their sins. Second, to reprove of or concerning righteousness. The code of the Mosaic law, under which sacrifice and offerings were made, was unable to fulfill the righteousness demanded of God. It was therefore part of the office of the Holy Spirit and is so yet, to reprove professors of their lack of God's righteousness. Third, to reprove the world concerning its opinion of judgment. To correct the evils of the world judgment was of great importance or necessity; that we might not lightly set aside or ignore the fact of judgment, the Holy Spirit was sent to reprove us. Such reproof was made necessary, first, because they believed not on Christ whom God had sent; second, to bring up to the divine standard the righteousness of God's saints in the absence of Christ; third, because sinners are to be judged along with the prince of this world who has led them into sin and rebellion against God.

Sin, righteousness, and judgment are important factors in the divine process. Sin must be entirely eliminated, righteousness must be augmented, and increased to supplant sin. Judgment is the basis by which the terribleness of sin will become known in the light in which God looks at it and righteousness will be exalted to its supreme position. The Holy Spirit can alone accomplish God's purpose. Learning, cavil, science, falsely so-called, can never do it.

The More Important

Ministry is entirely dependent upon the Holy Spirit. First, because it is the Spirit of truth; second, because it is the guide which can alone reveal truth or lead us into the way of all truth; third, because it is void of selfishness and does not speak concerning Himself but is the faithful and divine witness between God and man, not only to bear witness with our Spirits that we are the sons of God but to bring to and enlighten our understanding concerning that progressive revelation of God. And as such He is alone capable of creating the prophetic office by showing us things to come. It is also said, He shall glorify me. The Holy Spirit alone can glorify Christ. All of man's elaborate argument or oratory will not do it.

Souls redeemed and growing up into Christ as a means whereby He is honored as redeemer and Lord can be accomplished by and thru the ministry of the Holy Spirit alone. It receives from Christ those things that are His, appropriates and puts them at our disposal by showing them unto us. The Spirit alone can provide utterance for us. This may occur in languages or tongues, Acts 2:4; 1 Cor. 14:2, by which we may benefit other than ourselves, or it may provide another and more important utterance for the saint of God who is troubled or afflicted. As it is written, Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered, and he that searcheth the heart knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God, and from the following verse deduce first, that it is the Holy Spirit which keeps the minister and saint lined up "with the will of God, and from the following verse we may also add, that it is the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives that "maketh all things to work together for good to them that love God who are the called according to His purpose."

I wish I might impress upon your heart and mind the necessity of the Holy Spirit working within the Church which it was designed to inhabit, Eph. 2:22. Dr. Simpson has brought out a very beautiful theological exegesis concerning the ministry and supply of the Holy Spirit which is as follows:

The Supply of the Spirit

The word for "supply" employ-

ed here is a very unusual one, and has a special and strongly figurative significance. It is the Greek word, Epichoregos, and it refers to the Epichoregos, or chorus leader in ancient Greece. On a great festival occasion it was customary for a certain man, as an act of public generosity and also a distinguished honor to himself, to provide for the public entertainment of the people by an elaborate musical exercise, consisting of a great many pieces, a great variety of music, musical instruments and performers; it was his business to supply all that was necessary for this performance, to meet all the expenses of the occasion, to secure all the performers, instruments, assistants, etc., and see that everything was supplied and also to lead the chorus. From this old word, our expressions CHORUS and CHORUS-CHOIR are derived. Now this word conveys the idea of supplying, but also of supplying especially the parts in a musical chorus; and it carries along with it the idea of something harmonious and glorious. It is a very abundant supply and it brings a very triumphant result.

This word is used in a remarkable passage in the first chapter of Second Peter, "Add to your faith courage, knowledge, temperance, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity." This word "add," is the same Greek term, Epichorego. It means, "chorus into your faith and life these beautiful graces;" bring them all into tune, and work them out in harmony and praise, so that your life shall be a doxology of joy and thanksgiving. And then, at the close of that paragraph, the word re-appears, "For so shall an entrance be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Literally it might be translated, "So an entrance shall be chorused unto you." That is, the very graces that were wrought into your earthly life and attended you as a heavenly choir shall wait for you at the gates of heaven and sing you home to your coronation. The love and gentleness, the faith and patience that you exercised in your earthly pilgrimage shall be waiting yonder, as a train of musicians, and shall celebrate your victory and your recompense.

An Unfruitful Ministry

An unfruitful ministry is always the result of the absence of the Holy Spirit. Christ alone can be glorified as we bear fruit and this task can only be accomplished as the Holy Spirit works thru us. The barren Church needs a revival of the Holy Spirit. If Christ has been crowded out of your life as a minister or out of your church as a result of worldly entanglement or encroachment to satanic allurements, your only hope is to prostrate yourselves before God in humble prayer until the Holy Spirit may again assume possession and operation of both the minister and congregation. Permit me to emphasize the necessity of the Holy Spirit in our regular church curriculum. The manner by which His presence may be obtained is definitely outlined in Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:14 i. e. by continuing in prayer and supplication.

Jesus Heals Today

P. W. HADSOCK

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Heb. 13:8.

"I am the Lord that healeth thee." Ex. 15:26. "Healing in His wings." Mal. 4:2.

Jesus healed after the physicians had failed. Mark 5:25-29.

Jesus healed all that came or were brought to Him; there were no exceptions. Matt. 8:16, 17.

Jesus healed sometimes gradually. Luke 17:14; John 4:49, 52. Most healings, however, were instantaneous. Matt. 15:30.

Jesus promised healing through obedience. John 9:7.

Jesus sometimes moves the sick from present surroundings to heal them. Mark 8:22, 25.

Jesus healed all manner of disease (Matt. 4:23, 24)—withered limbs, sword cuts, deafness, lameness, blindness, paralysis, fever, palsy, leprosy, epilepsy, lunacy.

Jesus healed illness associated with the devil, Luke 9:42.

Jesus healed some at a distance without going to them. John 4:46-53.

Jesus healed by a touch (Matt. 8:3); some were healed by touching Him. Luke 8:43-48. Jesus healed by lifting the afflicted one by the hand (Mark 1:30-31); by commanding action, (Luke 6:9-10); by a word of faith (Mark 7:32-35).

Jesus healed chronic cases: 12 years' standing, (Matt. 9:20), 18 years' standing (Luke 13:11-13), 38 years' standing (John 5:5-9).

Jesus gave healing power to others: the twelve disciples (Luke 9:1), the seventy (Luke 10:10; Luke 10:8-10). Jesus promises to give this power to other believers. John 14:12-14. Peter received this power. Acts 5:14, 15. Paul received this power in praying over handkerchiefs. Acts 19:11, 12.

Jesus continued to give this healing power to others after His ascension; 20 years later Paul had this power (Acts 19:12); 26 years after, gifts of healing were given to believers (1 Cor. 12:9); 27 years after, instructions were given that the sick and afflicted may be healed through faith (James 5:14-16); 40 years after the ascension of Christ, Clement, Paul's contemporary, said, "Men received the gifts of healing."

Iranaeus says, 110 years after, "Men healed the sick by the laying on of the hands." Two hundred years after, Origen says, "Men had marvelous power in curing by invoking the divine name, and that of Jesus;" 1820 years after, Dorothea trudel of Mamsdorf was used in the healing of 10,000 by prayer, and the German government was compelled to recognize and license her hospitals. In our own day, these gifts are being exercised in every part of the world. God is restoring His lost gifts.

All the sick and suffering who came to Jesus while He was here in person, were healed. He is the same "yesterday, today, and forever." Healing of the body as well as of the soul is provided for in the atonement of Jesus Christ. Matthew quoted Isaiah, "And with His stripes we are healed." Isa. 53:5. Healing by the laying on of hands is one of the signs that Jesus said would follow believers. Mark 16:17, 18.

If you are sick or afflicted, come to Jesus in faith and receive your

portion of life and health today. "He knows and He cares."

Divine Healing

By Mary L. Tidwell

It affords me great pleasure to testify thru the Evangel and tell how wonderfully the Lord healed me of chills and fever. No doubt those of you who know me remember the telegram husband sent to the Assembly for prayer. I had a desperate fight with the enemy before I won the victory but, praise the Lord, by holding on victory came and instead of having an undertaker as some had prophesied, God undertook for me. Surely we can say the power of God is just the same today as when the eyes of the blind were opened and the deaf ears unstopped. We are serving the same God. Oh, He is such a powerful God and so merciful.

The Gospel rings out today to the most bedridden, pain-tossed, cancer-eaten, tuberculosis-smitten person in the world. By His stripes we are healed. He took our infirmities and bare our sickness. Salvation and healing are accomplished facts. God's part of man's redemption was finished upon Calvary and every one who lays his sins upon Jesus is saved, and all who lay their infirmities and sickness upon Him are healed. There is not a single reason why God will not save or heal the "whosoever that believeth." There are as good promises to the overcomer now as in past days. God's grace is still sufficient to hold up the humble, trusting saint, no matter how high the waves roll or how fierce the storms rage. God is faithful and will answer every prayer offered in accordance with His divine will, and in the name of Jesus, even if He has to turn mountains upside down.

Sometimes it costs us lots to have our prayers answered. It may mean changing our whole life. So much the better if we need it. I felt at times while I was sick that there wouldn't be much left of me by the time the prayer was answered, but praise God, I'm still here to declare that God's power is unlimited and He is still healing folks. Divine healing is one of the special points of doctrine the devil tries to weaken and discourage but we must brace up and believe God in the face of all kinds of discouragement and opposition. Don't give down, God is still on the throne and remember as long as heaven and earth remain His Word will read "the prayer of faith shall save the sick." We may have to suffer some but the promise given by our Lord in Mark 13:13 is enough to encourage any one. Those who endure to the end the same shall be saved. We should praise God for the crown we expect to receive if we endure a few more days.

No child of God is exempt from suffering. The time has been when just one here and there would be in trouble but it seems that misfortune and trouble come to most every one now. There is a spirit in the world today that past generations never met. Every generation has had its troubles all right but it takes men and women of iron principles and nerves like steel (so to speak) to cope with the spirits from the underworld that are turned loose now. This spirit of discouragement has touched every soul sometime in life, and in these days this is more frequent, but when faith comes to a troubled life new courage takes hold and the once almost discouraged soul livens up and seems like new again. John declares that this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith, and it takes this to please the Lord, for without faith it is impossible to please Him. Heb. 11:6.

My suffering not only strengthened my faith in God for deliverance, but it seemed to be a blessing and uplift to others on the line of divine healing. I believed in the beginning that my suffering was to either show God's power in healing or else draw me to some deeper experience, and I feel that both were accomplished. At times we wonder why we have to suffer with demons of sickness and other trials, but Paul said he gloried in them because they worked for him a far more eternal weight of glory. Suffering always draws us closer to God. I lay in bed three weeks and suffered untold agonies but it has really been a blessing to me. I feel that I know a little more about what it means to go thru with the Lord and it made me know something more of the working of unclean spirits that often prey upon our bodies. It made me know more about the power of God to cast them out. Oh, I feel encouraged to press on. What a heaven-born privilege to trust God!

Go on, dear saints, the crown is before us. A few more battles and heaven is won, blessings untold await those who are faithful. You who are going thru some hard test, hold on to God. It is your opportunity to prove yourselves. Most any one can trust God when everything is going well but what about it when the enemy comes like a flood? Did not God say He would raise up a standard against him? When He sees it is enough He will surely come to your rescue. We should pray, pray, pray. We have enlisted in this war for the final conflict. May we never grumble or complain again but hold steady in the thickest of the fight knowng that the battle is not ours but it is the Lord's and we are His soldiers. The final victory will soon be won and we can then rejoice over it while the ages roll on. Dear ones, if we would think of all these things and how we have been so highly favored by our God and how He has brought us thru so many hard places, the gloom and shadows of discouragement would flee away. Surely we have great encouragement to press on knowing that God shall supply all our needs according to His riches in glory.

To the faithful let me say, upon the authority of God's Word, All the resources of heaven are at your command. Jesus says, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you," St. John 15:7. Great blessings await those who fully make up their minds to trust God. Let us earnestly pray to our God that He will send forth a general awakening throughout the Church of God, and that He will give us such a revelation of Himself that all the minor troubles will fade away into insignificance and we will get such a glimpse of eternal realities that we will never again hang our heads in discouragement but we will walk with an upward gaze waiting and watching for the return of our Lord, the great Head of the Church, back to this world to gather His faithful ones to Himself.

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So Glad We Didn't Reject The Light

I am happy in the Lord and praise Him for His great love and blessings. By request I am writing a brief sketch of my experience of how God dealt with me according to the divine plan in His Word.

I moved to Morgantown, Miss., July 2, 1930. I was pastoring two Baptist churches near, and teaching in the high school. It was here I heard my first sermon on holiness in The Church of God. I attended services regularly when I was not engaged at my appointments. I attended Sunday School and preached in The Church of God many times before I saw the light on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. I was well acquainted with Brother and Sister S. J. Heath, who have gone to their reward. Their lives were an inspiration to me, as well as many others. Sister Heath lived to see me receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

In the spring of 1932 God sent a revival to the church at Morgantown. People began praying for wife and me, that we might receive the light on holiness. I shall never forget the Sunday night when my wife was taken sick at the revival service. I asked her to let the people pray for her but she would not. The saints asked to let them anoint her with oil and pray for her but she said, "No." She was real sick. After returning from service she asked me, "What do you think of the way those people shout, talk in tongues, and rejoice?" I told her that I believed they were happy, but thought all denominations worshipped differently and guessed that was their way of worship. I admitted they were seemingly the happiest people I knew.

The next day she was better of her sickness and began asking me again what I thought of holiness. I was dumb altho I had spent four years studying the Bible in college, preparing to preach and tell people the way to God. A few days later the subject of the great difference in the way other denominations worshipped came up in our conversation. She remarked to me, "You have spent these years in studying God's Word and I am going to depend on what you say about it." There came a great feeling of responsibility over me. I did not tell her at the time, but on my knees I promised God if He would reveal the truth to me from His Word I would walk in it. I began reading with the 14th chapter of John. I read and prayed for almost four days. The people in the church were praying for us but did not know that I was reading and praying. Neither did I let my wife know I was searching the Scriptures for any particular purpose. I had satisfied my mind when she asked me again what I thought about the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. I told her the blessing was for those who would humble themselves and obey.

That night I went to services, not expecting to seek the Lord for the blessing, but after the song service the pastor, Brother W. F. Sharp, asked me to lead the testimony service. I tried to talk but about all I could do was cry. There was a great manifestation of the Spirit. I asked the evangelist, Brother Wm. Russell Fowler, to conclude the service, and sat down, but just as I sat down I arose and whispered to Brother Fowler that I wished to make a statement at the close of his sermon before the altar service began. He talked a few minutes and then motioned to me to speak. I walked to the stand trembling and told the large congregation that holiness was right and that I was going to be the first in the altar that night. I went, I prayed, people prayed for me. I tarried and tarried until 2:00 a. m. but did not receive the blessing. The next night I went to the altar again. I began praying in faith with all my mind and soul. I had been praying only a short time when the great power of God came down and took possession of my body, picked me completely up and turned me a couple summersaults over the altar rail. There I lay with God's great power in complete control of me. There the sanctifying power was felt and joy came into my soul that I will never be able to explain. I lay there and rejoiced for quite a while but I remembered there was another blessing for me, and began praying for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. I prayed and God gave me the witness by taking control of my tongue as on the Day of Pentecost, and I spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance.

The one great and joyous part of my experience is I searched the Scriptures for my guide. I believed God's Word, asked God for the blessing and it came just as the Word promised. Thank God! My wife received the blessing one week after I did. We united with the Church of God and have been active workers in the Church since that time. I am thankful to God that when people began praying for us we did not reject the light, but walked in it. We are happy in the Lord's work here at Cleveland. We are teaching in The Bible Training School. We are surely enjoying our work. We want to be a blessing to others.—A humble servant, R. R. Walker, 1907 Magnolia Ave., Cleveland, Tenn.

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ing him if the duplex tithe envelope had increased his mission income, to which he replied, "Yes." His method of circulating these envelopes is entirely worthy of your notice. As a result both tithes and mission receipts will increase. We will be glad to figure with you on 10,000, 25,000, or 50,000 tithe envelopes. Write for estimate.

The Lord's Church

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perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." I think we have made the name plain enough for any unprejudiced mind to see that the Church of God is the real Bible name. But if not, see how Paul addresses his epistles to the Church of God at Corinth. 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1:1.

We have also showed you the kind of preachers God placed in His Church, now we will see what kind of a church He is coming to catch away. Eph. 5:25, 26, 27, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." This scrip-

ture, it seems to me, should convince all as to just which church the Bible teaches is the right church, as I know of no other body called a church, that is striving as earnestly to get its people all to the perfect standard as we, the Church of God. I remember I made the remark at the last Assembly, to some one, to just look at the body of church members. Possibly from five to eight thousand attended our General Assembly and not one of them, I don't suppose, used snuff or tobacco in any form. What a miracle! I say, Hallelujah. Don't you feel like shouting now? We often say, "I am not ashamed of my crowd," and I am persuaded to believe that not very many of our crowd are ashamed of us. Glory!

Report of The Work in New England

H. W. Poteat

The Church of God is going forward in New England due to the sacrificial, tireless efforts of our consecrated workers. I truly praise God for workers who are not influenced by selfish desires but who will turn down places of good financial backing and choose rather to pray thru and seek the divine will of God, then go by faith regardless of the outlook. I thank God we can by consecrating and abandoning ourselves to Him know His perfect will.

I heard Brother Latimer speak of God's perfect will, also His perfect permissive will. I feel if all of us ministers would seek God's divine, perfect will we would soon be able to accomplish our work, thereby hasten the coming of Jesus.

We have opened up two new places since the Assembly. Sisters Williams and Scoggins of Cleveland, Tenn., have a permanent place of worship in Auburn, a city of eighteen thousand, joining Lewistown, a city of thirty-eight thousand. They did their praying and fasting before going and when we arrived we found that Sister Smith, a dear Pentecostal saint, had four rooms nicely furnished, the table set and dinner cooked. They went right in and sat down to their own table and ate. The interest is fine for a new field. God is providing the finances as they are needed. Bear in mind that Sister Smith did not send for them but God sent them and God used Sister Smith to prepare the way.

We have a new opening in Thorndyke solely in charge of the Church of God, a hungry band of Pentecostal people who have been scattered sheep without a shepherd. We take care of this work one night a week.

Brother Maynard and wife, assisted by Brother Bloomingdale, recently opened up a new work in Worcester, Mass. Pray for God to supply the necessary furnishings for the mission.

Brother H. G. Flowers and workers are gaining ground in Manchester, N. H. They too are living by faith for both rent and personal needs, but God is faithful who promised.

Brother Bloomingdale and workers are doing good work in Boston, Mass., gaining favor among the different missions which he makes it a point to visit. Through this method he has been able to influence them to his meetings and eventually if he is not weary in well doing we expect to see the Church of God banner floating in the air in the wicked city of Boston. There are a few faithful ones in Boston who are sacrificing their means to see God's work go. The overhead expenses of rent, lights, fuel, etc., are around $45.00 per month. This is all to be faced without the assurance of a dollar, but God has met the need for over one and a half years. The support of the workers is also supplied by God's unseen hand.

Brother Looney has charge of Portland which is an established work. He is a good godly man and has his heart in the work.

Sister Hamilton and workers are holding fort in Augusta, Me. They also have another place opened up eighteen miles from Augusta. God has used different workers in getting Augusta under way. It has proved to be the hardest opening in the state. Each worker has proved faithful and we know certain victory is ahead. God used one dear man to practically pay the rent and we feel like giving honor to whom honor is due. We thank God for men who will obey God and sometimes pay twenty dollars on a month's rent. We pray God's richest blessings on him.

Brother Littlefield and wife have been faithfully laboring at Buxton, Me., for sometime. Though the depression has hit hard there they have never thought of retreating.

Brother Lear, wife and Sister Diffenderfer who attended Bible School last year, are doing a good work at Exeter, Me. They are new in the work, therefore feel their need of the power of God. This they are obtaining by prayer and fasting. God made it possible since the Assembly to purchase an abandoned creamery there, valued at one thousand dollars, for two hundred dollars. Brother Rockwell's son, thru whom it was made possible to buy it, gave one hundred dollars, and with offerings amounting to fifty dollars we have reduced the bill to fifty.

Brother and Sister Largin and Sister Kalb have charge of the Bangor, Me., work. They have good favor and the work is progressing.

Last spring we purchased a twenty-room brick building here in Belfast, Me., we have about fifteen rooms besides a good hall for worship. Our payments are paid up to date and the work is moving on. The Sunday School is growing. Brother Hesketh, wife and two oldest children are on the field doing evangelistic work. They are good musicians. Brother Hesketh is a courageous man, willing to go into the new places and do whatsoever his hands find to do. He went to Manchester, N. H., went to the woods with Brother Flowers and helped cut wood, prayed, preached, sang and went on to his next place prepared to do the things which were needful there. He is having it hard financially but the Spirit says, "Go." Praise God, his pay day is in the future and will be a sure and just one.

Brother W. H. Miller of Appleton has signed the deed to his summer hotel over to the Church of God. His only requirement is to have a music school there five summers. He had just recently covered it. We had a music school last summer of forty students and are planning to have one with at least one hundred this summer.

In conclusion I want to speak about the good Christmas program rendered at Portland which brought the mighty power of God down. The title of the play was, "The First Christmas," when Joseph and Mary and Jesus came on the scene. The Holy Ghost led Brother Bloomingdale to the manger and he prophesied under the power of God the following message: "Dark days coming, seek Him while He may be found. Your only hope." Most of the congregation were weeping. We all stood and lifted our hands, thanking Him for His mighty power.

Pray for New England. Come every one who knows God is calling, but if you don't know for sure pray till your prayers go thru, then you will be able to put up a brave fight. God is calling some workers to New York state. We expect to have an opening there before spring.—Yours zealous for His cause.

Missions & Missionaries

J. H. INGRAM, Mission Editor

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

COOPERS TOWN, ABACO, BAH.

Dear Evangel Family, it is with joy that I now greet you in the dear name of Jesus. On the 9th of November I received two letters from Headquarters informing me that I was appointed overseer of the Bahama Islands, under the supervision of Brother E. W. Williams. Early next morning I took the boat for Green Turtle Cay, Abaco. I spent a few services with them and took the boat again for Man-O-War Cay. I met the dear saints all expecting me. We surely had a fine time together for about three days. We had service every night. We observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing also, and oh what a blessed time we had with the dear Lord. They are getting along fine. They are renting a small room about 10x12 to have their services in and it is very inconvenient. If some good church in the States would furnish them the means of purchasing a small house about 16x20, we would give it your name.

I took the mail boat again for Nassau, N. P. I visited three churches in Nassau and was gladly received by the brethren. I then left Nassau and spent a few days at Coopers Town en route to Grand Bahama, Eight Mile Rock. I spent about five days with them and they were surely blessed days at that little church. We had seekers at the altar from the first night and I left with the revival still in progress. Four were added to the church while I was there and I think a few more are expecting to join. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing also. I am now at Coopers Town, Abaco, expecting to leave on the 26th for Andros, and then to the other out islands.

When you pray remember us and if the dear Lord tells you to give us a little finance, why just obey His still small voice and surely the windows of heaven will be opened upon you; but most of all, put us on your prayer list. I hope to have more to report next time. —Yours in the Master's work, William R. Franks, overseer of Bahamas.

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MISSION REPORT

October, November, December, 1934

E. J. BOEHMER, General Secretary

Carson Springs, Tenn. 42c; Lester, W. Va. $1.47; Shamrock, Fla. 96c; Naples, Fla. 50c; Linden, Fla. 04c; Neeley, Miss. 45c; E. Chattanooga, Tenn. $31.75; Baltimore, Md. 63c; Concord, N. C. 28c; Kermit, W. Va. 10c; Statesville, N. C. $1.00; Mary Weeks, Bogue, N. C. $2.00; Ft. Worth, Tex. $4.88; Draper, N. C. 50c; Scaly, N. C. 55c; Campaign, Tenn. 33c; Max Meadows, Va. 10c; Valdese, N. C. $1.60; Mt. Vale, Tenn. 12c; Ravenna, Ky. 54c; Crane Eater, Ga. $2.49; Lexington, N. C. 72c; Asheville, N. C. $1.58; Sanford, N. C. $1.33; Rosetta Maple, Detroit, Mich. $2.90; Cincinnati, Ohio, $3.60; Walhalla (country), S. C. 68c; Kentwood, La. 12c; Forrest City, Ark. 19c; Williamsburg, Pa. 70c; Lowe, W. Va. $1.40; High Spire, Pa. $6.99; H. E. Sibley and wife, Miss. $2.00; Pontiac, Mich. $1.50; W. St. Louis, Mo. $1.70; Middletown, Ohio, $1.70; Thomasville, N. C. 53c; Lakeworth, Fla. 76c; Easton, Md. $1.77; Belmont, N. C. 60c; Bennetsville, S. C. 32c; Carbon, Ind. 79c; Shooting Creek, N. C. $1.00; Shamrock, Tex. 28c; Vero Beach, Fla. $1.63; Salem, S. C. 04c; Spartanburg, S. C. 99c; Bethal, Ga. $3.08; Greenwood, S. C. 45c; Ft. White, Fla. $1.35; Marion, S. C. 20c; Erastus, N. C. 93c; Washington, N. C. 50c; Cantwell, Mo. $1.75; C. A. Culpepper, Ga. 20c; Hattiesburg, Miss. $2.51; W. Asheville, N. C. $2.06; Sarasota, Fla. $1.00; Gasparilla, Fla. 47c; LaBelle, Fla. $1.79; Wilcox, Fla. 17c; Largo, Fla. $5.13; Brooksville, Fla. 43c; Bushnell, Fla. 20c; Warrenton, N. C. 43c; Greensboro, N. C. $2.60; Wake Forest, N. C. 46c; Columbia, S. C. $2.04; Washington, D. C. $2.40; Anawalt, W. Va. $1.34; Brighton, Mo. 75c; Eldorado, Ill. $1.68; Boswell, Pa. $1.25; Ft. Myers, Fla. $4.16; Zellwood, Fla. 80c; Cedar Valley, Ga. 41c; Lando, S. C. 27c; Lake City, Fla. 81c; Bon Air, Tenn. 53c; Mooresville, N. C. $1.29; Plaza, N. Dak. 40c; Claysville, Pa. $1.02; Lannius, Tex. $1.70; Cottonwood, Tex. 09c; Selmon City, Tex. 91c; Big Springs, Tex. $1.07; St. George, W. Va.40c; St. Luke Md. 43c; War, W. Va. 62c; Alton, Fla. 52c; Lake Wales, Fla. $1.61; Tarpon Springs, Fla. $3.56; Empire, Ala. $2.00; Bartow, Fla. 52c; Cocoa, Fla. $1.51; Jasper, Fla. $1.65; Hudson, Fla. 57c; Andrews, N. C. 07c; Strait Creek, Ala. 64c; Lake City, S. C. 20c; Docenia, Ala. 08c; Coalmont, Ind. $1.05; Milford, Del. 55c; McCall, S. C. $1.00; Orlando, Fla. $2.62; Earle, S. C. 14c; Warrenville, S. C. $1.52; Langley, S. C. $1.93; New Bethlehem, Pa. 35c; Pittsburg, Pa. 10c; Auburndale, Fla. 30c; Port Arthur, Tex. 46c; Ft. Meade, Fla. 16c; Adamsville, Ala. $1.65; Big Timber, Mont. $2.13; Hot Springs, N. Mex. 27c; Sheridan, Wyo. 65c; Walhalla, S. C. $3.77; Austinville, Va. 50c; N. Pulaski, Va. 80c; Wilcoe, W. Va. 12c; Mt. Zion, Ala. 50c; Union Grove, Ga. 99c; Seaford, Del. 15c; Eccles, W. Va. $1.21; Coconut Grove, Fla. $1.43; Talladega, Ala. 95c; Ft. Wayne, Ind. $1.00; Bridgeford, Ga. $2.83; Nettleton, Ark. 07c; Deerfield, Va. 06c; Bristol, Tenn. 49c; St. Petersburg, Fla. 97c; Williston, Fla. 75c; Lavonia, Ga. 05c; Lignite, N. Dak. 97c; Rocky Mt., N. C. $1.50; Celina, Tex. 64c; Savannah Branch, La. 04c; Dillon, S. C. $2.46; Wills Point, Tex. 16c; Imperial, Calif. $1.22; Bangor, Me. 27c; Circleville, Ohio, 36c; N. Chattanooga, Tenn. $4.58; Albany, Ga. 06c; Belfast, Me. 66c; E. Tallassee, Ala. 13c; Cortez, Fla. 06c; Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. $2.04; Erwin, N. C. $1.52; Macon, Ga. 54c; Harrisburg, Pa. $1.00; Sulphur Springs, Fla. $1.74; J. L. Reagan, Ala. $2.00; Benndale, Miss. $5.62; Alabama City, Ala. $2.50; Clyde, N. C. $2.70; Wilbur, W. Va. 25c; Carrier Mills, S. C. $1.69; Assembly Offering, $170.38; High Point, N. C. $1.62; Gainesville, Fla. 55c; Trafford, Ala. 30c; Ranger, Tex. 83c; Wimauma, Fla. $5.55; Winter Haven, Fla. 75c; Blue Diamond, Ky. $1.01; Mt. Holly, N. C. 20c; White Cloud, Mich. 43c; Midvale, Ohio, 36c; Belton, S. C. 50c; Lakeland, Fla. $2.85; Lanett, Ala. 30c; Honea Path, S. C. 90c; Wimauma, Fla. $1.73; Manns Choice, Pa. $1.39; S. Lebanon, O., $1.02; Weatherford, Tex. 50c; Zion, Ga. $1.49; Cherry Hill, S. C. 05c; Somerset, Pa. $2.40; Hickory Grove, S. C. 51c; Billings, Mont. 33c; Sebewa, Mich. 28c; Kings Chapel, Miss. 10c; Schoolfield, Va. $1.27; Refund from Bahama Islands $5.15; Parkersburg, W. Va. 56c; Juniata, Pa. 16c; J. L. Reagen, Ala. $2.00; Blacksburg, S.C.

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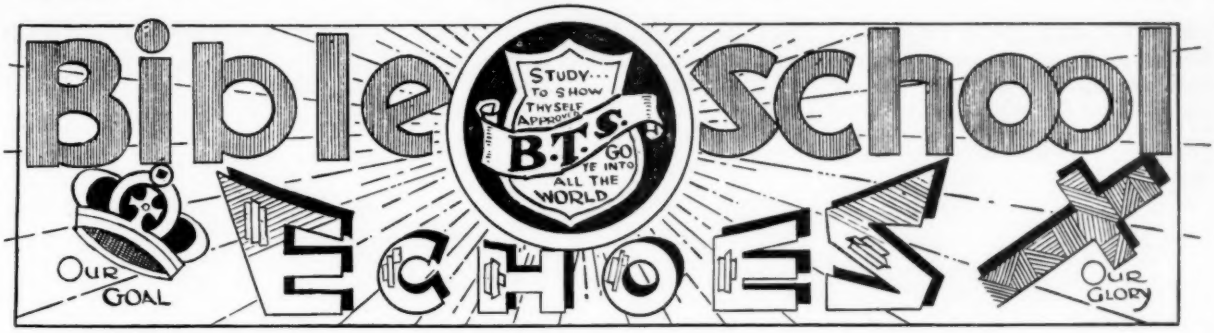

SWEET TO HAVE JESUS IN ONE'S LIFE

I thank and praise the great loving Jesus for His great love. He gave His life that you and I might be free from sin. I am enjoying Bible School better than anything. I greatly enjoy doing things to help the school, to save the school trouble. I want to do my best in each thing I do. It's sweet to have Jesus in one's life. Last year was not so enjoyable to me as toward the last God saw fit to take my youngest brother. He was just a baby and I expect to see him around that great throne of God some day. Please pray that I will do God's will at all times.—Geo. Blankenship, 1802 7th Ave., Juniata, Pa.

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WANT TO BE USEFUL FOR THE MASTER

Dear Evangel readers: I take this opportunity to express my thanks unto the Lord for being merciful unto me, and granting me the privilege of attending Bible School. I think we have the time of our lives here in school. It's something wonderful the way the Lord blesses. We have started a chain of prayer. It begins at 5:30 a. m. and ends at 9:30 p. m. Each one has an assignment and when it comes his time to pray he leaves the study hall and in a few minutes you can hear voices ringing out in prayer.

I want all who know the value of prayer to pray that I may receive the full blessing of the Holy Ghost. I have been saved since I came to school. Praise the Lord! My whole heart's desire is to become a useful servant of the Master and when the trials are over wear a crown. Come on, Mississippi, and let us march to the front. I remain a servant of God.—J. E. Wolfe, Cleveland, Miss.

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CHIEF AIM TO SERVE GOD

Just a few words of praise to God for His many blessings in every way, but chiefly for good old time salvation. Just think, redeemed! Is it not wonderful to know that we can have an experience of real salvation like the apostles of old, even in the midst of this pleasure and style crazed, perplexed, up-to-date world? My chief aim is to give my life in service for God in His great program of soul saving lost, judgment bound men and women. In order to do this the best thing I know to do is equip myself with the great knowledge of God's eternal Word and keep prayed up and consecrated enough so I can feel the slightest touch of the blessed Savior's hand, and be able to present a message of God's love in gospel, song, and music the right way. My very innermost being burns to be on the gospel field laboring for the man who died for me, and to do business in a good, constructive, logical way. I know in order to do this I must study and keep close to Jesus. Please pray for me.— A B. T. S. student, Earnest M. Smith, Haskell, Tex.

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B. T. S. MISSION NEWS

There are many ways one can serve the Lord, and many blessings may be derived from them all. To my mind those who sacrifice by going places where the gospel has never been preached and raise a standard against sin, the devil, and different kinds of false teachings, will receive the greatest blessings from God in this world and an abundant entrance into the celestial city.

We think of Jesus leaving His beautiful home in heaven where all kinds of glories are, coming to a dark, benighted, sin cursed world to give its inhabitants light and deliverance from the shackles of Satan. O brother, this great work grows on our hearts daily. Please pray that God will bless the efforts of those who are striving to bless the world by serving others and by doing so serve Jesus.

The following is a brief report of our mission groups for Saturday, Jan. 5, 1935:

Ringgold and Dalton.—The party consisted of Brothers Albert Childers, J. L Hathcock, Lester Hawkes, Harry Cutts, Harry Hatcher, Lowell McCoy, and T. C. Franklin. This time we held no street services as it was late when we arrived, but services were held at each place Saturday night, half the party staying at Ringgold while the others went on to Dalton. At Dalton Brothers Childers, McCoy, and Hathcock had charge of the services. We told you in the last report of the invitation to come back and organize a Y. P. E. This was done and good interest shown with a membership of more than thirty. We praise God for this. Brother Hathcock preached after organizing. At Ringgold Brothers Franklin, Hawkes, Cutts and Hatcher were in charge. The meeting was wonderful there. We certainly praise the Lord for the outlook at this place. Much interest is being shown. We do not as yet have a church at Ringgold but a Sunday School was organized. Some are working on plans for erecting a building there already, and a number are wanting to unite with the Church of God. We are proud of the good people at Ringgold and ask that each one who reads this report will please get on his knees at once and offer a prayer in behalf of this place, that we will get a church organized and a building in which to worship.

Benton report.—This party included Sisters J. C. Coats, Evelyn Scogin, Dorothy Dunn, Omega LaFevre, Erma Reid, Juanita Dixon, and G. G. Patton, speaker. His subject was "Go wash," John 9. The service was good and good interest was shown.

Cleveland report.—We met at

2:30 p. m. with about thirty students present. Brother George Blankenship conducted the service and Brother Carl Cox preached on "The Second Coming of Christ. About one hundred people were present.—News reporter, Woodrow C. Byrd.

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NOTICES

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week of a great revival at Eldorado, Ill. Thirty-three have been saved, eleven sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirty-five and forty in the altar. Brother D. P. Barnett is doing the preaching.—J. R. Thomas, pastor.

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To all the churches in the Waycross district, viz., Homerville, Waresboro, Satilla Harbor, Offerman, Bachlott, and Waycross: Our district convention will convene Feb. 1-3 at Waycross, Ga., D. V. We urge each member to put forth a special effort to attend this convention. Our state overseer will be present, also we expect other ministers to be here. There will be dinner on the ground Sunday, Feb. 3. Everybody come and bring a well filled basket. We have some good people in this district and we expect them to be here. One and all, come—Brother Harmon, Brother McNear, and others who will.—Jas. S. Roberts, district overseer.

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This is to notify all Sunday Schools in the Electra district,Tex., that our district Sunday School convention will be held at the Henrietta Church of God Sunday, Feb. 3, beginning at 10:00 a. m. All Sunday School superintendents, bring your records of average attendance for December and January in order that we may award the banner at this time.—Lee Shires, district superintendent, Rt. 2, Electra, Tex.

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There will be a Church of God home coming in the Tug River district at Eureka church on Sunday Jan. 20, beginning at 10:00 a. m. and lasting throughout the entire day. We want to make this a great day for our Lord. There will be a number of able ministers to break and hand out the bread of eternal life. We are going to have a baptismal for our state overseer, Bro. H. N. Scoggins, and district overseer, Brother G. G. Williams. There will be special string music prepared for this day. We cordially invite one and all to come and spend the day with us.—Pastor, B. G. Grose.

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We would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Mrs. Ruth James Sims, Una Walker, Gladys Roberts, Arvil Roberts, Goldia Hollis, May Maxville Goings, Pearly Nance, Beulah Lawson, Mamie Hollis, Georgia Johnson.—Clerk, Edna Malone; pastor, L. Echols, Rt. 2, Forrest City, Ark.

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To the Y. P. E. in the State of Michigan: As Bro. D. G. Phillips, our state overseer, has appointed me state superintendent of the Y. P. E. for the ensuing year, I take this method to notify you of same. I will be more than pleased if all the pastors will co-operate with me in trying our best to do something for the Y. P. E. in this state. If we will all work together and in harmony, the Lord will bless us I know. I would like for every church in the state to have at least one or more Y. P. E. revivals this year. I will visit every church at the earliest date possible. You can look for me most any time. Come on, Michigan, let us go over the top for the Y. P. E. Through much prayer we can. I am here to assist you in any way I can and any advice that I can give you I will be more than glad to do so. Don't forget to write me. I am expecting your hearty co-operation. My address is 274 Midway St., Pontiac, Mich.—Yours in the Master's work, Alfred G. Lowe.

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Brother J. C. Pruitt is very sick at this writing and his father and mother are in bed too. They have been sick for some time. Pray for them. They are in great need in many ways. Brother Pruitt is known throughout North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia, and elsewhere, however, not face to face. His desire is to preach the gospel but he can't do as much as he has done and walk and preach without help. He has gone hungry and suffered in different ways and his family has been in need and but few folks knew about it. He said if he got well he would be glad to go to the western states and

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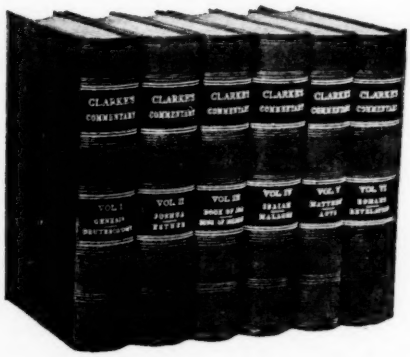

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preach the gospel. If any one in the western states would pay expenses of getting him and his family out there, he would come and preach through 1935 and on and on as the Lord leads.—His wife, Mrs. J. C. Pruitt, 277 Fendley St., Anderson, S. C.

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Any one wishing to write me may address me at 274 Midway St., Pontiac, Mich.—Mrs. J. M. Viney.

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To the churches in the State of Virginia: Greetings. Since I have been duly appointed to serve as state mission treasurer for this year, I wish to say that any time I can be of assistance to you in any way, just write me. I am a new man in this state but for a number of years I have been in the service of the Master. For the last few years I have been feeling like the coming of the Lord is near at hand, therefore, I have been feeling and seeing the need of the Church of God waking up on missions. In the few months that I have been in the State of Virginia, I have been privileged to visit several nice towns and cities and after inquiring a little I learned that there was no Church of God there, and some places no holiness of any kind, and I find that if we had the proper amount of finance we could soon have real good churches in these places, so my prayer is, Lord, move on hearts with the message. How can they hear without a preacher and how can he preach except he be sent? You may say, If he has the Holy Ghost he will go. Yes, he may have the call, but listen, dear saints, maybe you do not understand that when he gets there he will need a place to preach. Can I prepare a place? Yes, you can prepare a place. You may not be able to rent a building but if you will send in your mission quota each month we will be able to rent a place to hold service, and then if you want some extra stars in your crown, just make a special sacrifice and maybe when you get to heaven you will meet some one and hear him say he went to a Church of God mission and conviction got hold of him and he was saved. Then you will think of the special mission offering you sent which might have paid for the seat he occupied, and wouldn't you be happy? Come on, workers, let's make this a mission year in the State of Virginia and when we get to the Assembly next fall, if Jesus tarries, we can hear our good state overseer say, We have gained several good new churches. Come on, pastors and clerks, let's be one hundred per cent on this. I do not believe it is going to be long until the last battle will be fought and when the smoke has cleared away we can meet the Lord in the air and ever be with Him. Please pray for me and the mission work. Mail state mission funds to me at the following address.—M. J. Headley, Box 52, Monroe, Va.

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There will be services at Downs Church of God Jan. 20. Sunday night at seven o'clock every member who possibly can be there. There will also be service at Edge Hill Church of God Jan. 26 and at seven o'clock every member is requested to be there. We will be looking for you.—V. E. Hooks, district pastor, Tennille, Ga.

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We are going to dedicate our new church building to the Lord Sunday, Jan. 20. The neighboring churches and saints elsewhere have a special invitation to be here. We are expecting our overseer, Bro. Earl Paulk, to be with us. We will have an all-day service. Pray for the work at Orangeburg.—Porter M. White, pastor, 30 Whitman St., Orangeburg, S. C.

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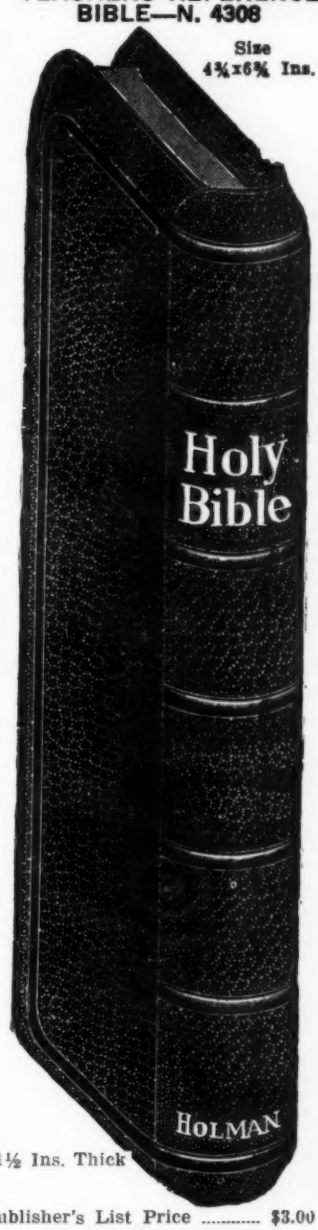

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Please pray for the meeting which we started Jan. 8. Pray that God will send help to pray and sing and will send convicting power.—Yours for lost souls, F. S. Deese, in care of A. J. Cook, Pellham, Ga.

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Evangel family, please pray for the Lord to heal my body. I have been very sick for about a week. I am not near any Church of God saints but the Lord can hear anywhere.— A believer, Mrs. Ella Baker, Rt. 2, Heath Springs, S. C.

Saints, pray for us to do the will of the Lord. Pray especially for my mother to keep victory over her affliction. Pray for us to receive the Holy Ghost.—Your brother, Mose Maynard, Bethel, Ohio.

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We are about fifty miles from the Church of God. I am saved and sanctified but sometimes I feel cold. I haven't been to the church at Sylacauga since Mother's Day and I am so hungry to be in a good meeting. I do want the saints to pray that my daughter and I will receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my unsaved loved ones to be saved. Pray a special prayer for my daughter, Pearl Turner, who has been in bed three weeks and is in bad shape. Pray that a way will be provided that we can be in Church of God services.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. O. G. McCain, Selman, Ala., in care of M. P. McCain.

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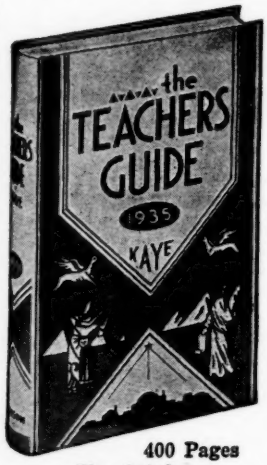

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